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Historical Commission Minutes 01-02-2001

Meeting of Wednesday, 2 January 2001 Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order: Robert Botterio, presiding, with commissioners Michael Ruderman, Patrick Guthrie, Jane Becker; also associates Pat Fitzmaurice and Eric Stange.
- 2. Review of minutes of 5 December 2000-accepted with the following corrections: restoring the hyphen to *Whittemore-Robbins* House, under Communications, the request for an inventory check concerned 88 High *Haith* Road, under Communications, the deputy town manager requesting budget information is Nancy Kalkowski, and under Hearing for 4 Mystic Bank, Mr. Clark Griffith, registered architect with CCA, appeared with Mr. *Keane* and Mr. Johnson.
- 3. Communications relayed by Mr. Botterio:

from Mass. Highway Dept. the report of the task force on Roads and Historic Areas.

from Freedom's Way Heritage Association their latest newsletter.

from Mass. Historical Commission the notification of an application to install a cellular telephone communication tower at 37 Drake Road-not an inventoried site.

Jane Abbott of 45 Teel Street has filed an application with the Building Department to replace all the clapboards on her inventoried home. Mr. Botterio met with the homeowner and the contractor for the project; while the scope clearly exceeds 25% of the public facade, the only materials involved will be "like replacing like," and therefore the work will not require a public hearing to proceed.

Mr. Stange has submitted his draft of a press release on the commission's activities.

- 4. Review of Projects
- a) 362 Mystic Street (Davidson) 4/99: Guthrie-painted, and finished.
- b) 125 Brattle Lane/Farmer's Lane (Colonial Ridge LLC) 11/99: Robinson-no activity.
- c) 143 Woodside (Bouvrie)7/00: Guthrie-work continues.
- d) 1167 Mass. Ave. (Mirak) 9/00: Guthrie-no information.
- e) 23 Maple Street (Town of Arlington)11/00: Robinson, Guthrie-no decision on architect yet.
- f) 45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 12/00: Botterio-not yet started.
- g) 4 Mystic Bank (Keanes) 12/00: Ruderman-new, vertically-oriented windows in the gable end have replaced the transom window, as specified; the allowed portion of the front porch has been enclosed, but no railings have been installed on the front walkway or in the remaining porch windows.
- 5. Reports
- a) Whittemore-Robbins House: Carey-no report.
- b) Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson-no report.
- c) Updates and Expansion to Inventory: Cohen, Meister, Guthrie, Stange-owner of 45 Teel (above, in Communications) is interested in participating in neighborhood work.
- d) Inventory of public buildings: Stange and Robinson-no activity.
- e) Inventory of significant lots: Botterio-Mary Trvalik has forwarded the prior research on open spaces [private, public, and religious] which Mr. Ruderman will study.
- f) Education/Outreach: Stange, Botterio-press release has been sent. All to think about activities for tie in with nationwide Preservation Week (first week of May)-recognition awards?
- g) 743 Massachusetts Avenue (Osco): Robinson-no news.
- h) Affordable Housing Task Force: Stange-possible warrant article for next town meeting on inclusionary zoning.
- Zoning By-Law Review Committee: Meister-some discussion of recently enacted Community Preservation Act.

- j) Historic Districts Commission: Cohen-no report.
- k) Old Burying Ground survey and assessment-Robinson-no report.
- 1) Preservation Fund-Guthrie no report.
- 6. Next meetings set for February 6 and March 6, here at 7:30. Adjourned at 9:10pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission A. Michael Ruderman, Commissioner